

Weston Commission for Children and Youth
Minutes from the April 2, 2014 Meeting

In attendance: Michelle Albright, Charlene Monn, Ellen Weyrauch, Stacy Kamisar, Chris Spaulding, Dan Doak, Lindsey Kappel,

Meeting called to order at 5:43 pm by Michelle Albright

There were not enough members in attendance for a quorum so approval of minutes from the last meeting was postponed until the May meeting

Director's report

- Tackling the Tough Stuff workshops drew good attendance in February and March
- Continuing to provide counseling for some children and families (problem-focused)
- Continuing to provide waivers for spring WOW programs, arts/music programs
- Letter sent to families letting them know about resources for seasonal events and activities (e.g., yearbooks, Memorial Day fair, end-of-year trips, and summer camps)
- Michael Nerney presented to students and parents on March 20th

Program Coordinator's report

- Winter WOW! programs are up and running – offering 16 programs at Hurlbutt and 9 at WIS
- Offering new programs this session including Hola Mis Amigos! (Spanish for Kindergarteners), a puppet-making workshop and digital storytelling
- Spring WOW! programs are scheduled to begin the week of April 21st and run through the week of June 2nd
- Beginning with the spring session, registration will open at 10:01 P.M.
- Summer camp registration has opened and we will be offering camps in the areas of cooking, science, model building/legos, Lego Flix (a new animated film camp) and Mad About Camp that includes music, art, dance, and cooking)
- We will also be collaborating with WPS again to offer youth theater and music camps

Family University

- Family University is scheduled for April 9th and Marc Brackett from the Yale Center on Emotional Intelligence will be our featured key note speaker
- Commission members discussed the format of Family U and how different topics may be more appealing to middle school students and parents versus high school students and parents
- Commission members discussed charging a minimal admission fee (\$10) for adults to offset costs and how best to organize registration sign-up and attendance

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Albright